and its continuance. The appointing authority may, by order in writing, withhold or withdraw a pension or part thereof, whether permanently or for a specified period if the pensioner is convicted of serious crime or is found guilty of grave misc onduct. The President reserves to himself the right of withholding a pension or gratuity, or both, either in full or in part or withdrawing a pension in full or in part, whether permanently or for a specified period 'and of ordering recovery from a pension or gratuity of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government, if, in any departmental or judicial proceedings, the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during (he period of service, including service rendered upon re-employment after retirement.

Impact of power shortage on growth cf domestic industries

*348". SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIMS MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that perenial shortage of power Supply is a major factor working against the growth of domestics industries; and

what step. are being taken by Govemment to provide more power to such-industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY SHRIMATI KRSHNA SAW): (a) No Sir. The growth of rfqmestic industrial production depends on a number of factors such as domestic and export demand conditions, availability cf raw materials .and power availablity etc.

(b) Power generation has been given high priority in *the* Eighth Plan. In the first three years of the Eighth Plan, power generation broadly achieved the target set.

Steps to expedite the rase of revision of Pay Scale of UDCs

*348 SHRI' IQBAL L SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the "answers to Unstarred Questions 3224 and 749 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1994 and the 16th March, 1995 respectively and state :

(a) the reasons for delay in taken the decision by the Board of Arbitration and by when the same is likely to be disposed of finally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not furnished additional/ necessary documents as desired by the Board to take a final decision in the matter;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and

(d) what effective steps Government propose to take to expedite the matter?

TH MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). On the request of the Staff Side, the Board of Arbitration, in the last hearing on March S. 1995 asked for some additional documents, copies of which have been obtained and furnished to them. The Board is now to fix the date for hearing. Action in matter will be taken by the Government on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Procurement through wagon industries

*350. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have called Global tenders to Purchase the Railway equipment, wagons, high-speed locos, though domestic industries have been able to produce such items;

(b) if so. what is Government's position In this matter when those industries depend up on adequate orders from the Railways; and

(c) if not. the annual consumption of such items by the Railways and the fo-(jurement orders given to those industries vis-a-vis their installed capacity?

THE MINTSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The requirements of items mentioned in part (a) depend upon transport *needs* and very from year *to* year. However, orders placed on the industry tor Railway equipment, viz. Wagons and locomotives in 1994-95, are -undated- below:

Item	No ordered in 1994-95	Capacity
Wagons in terms of four-wheelers. . . .	10.800	35635 (Licensed)
Electric Locmotives with BHEL	20	20

Approval to Pepsico for setting up of a holing company

*351. SHRI N. G1RI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had granted approval to Pepsico Inc. for setting up cf a 700 per cent holding company in India; and

(b) if so, the details of the terms and conditions thereof, particularly regarding funding and investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Pepsi Co. Inc., USA have been granted approval to set up a 100 per cent holding company Jn India with investment of US S 95.00 Million. This . be invested in Indian subsidiary company, joint ventures or business activities. Inter-alia, these include promotion of new export projects/joint ventures as also investment in food processing industries, establishment of backward linkages with farmers, manufacturing/ marketingldistribution of beverages, technology upgradation etc

Funds for the rehabilitation of beedi workers

*352. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will tie PRIME MINISTER be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether Government propose to earmark funds for the rehabilitation of beedi workers coming under the impact of severe anti beedi legislation;

(b) what funds the Minisry have earmarked for 1995-96; and

(c) whether any funds have already been spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The proposed Anti-Tobacco Legislation may not significantly effect employment situation in the Beedi-Industry.

Instructions issued' for speedy disposal of pension cases

*353. SHRI RAGHAVJI) Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 234 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1994 and state:

(a) what are the details of various instructions issued by Government for speedy disposal of pension cases of retiring persons; and

(,b) what measures are adopted by Government to ensure the implementation of the same and to punish the erring Departments/offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The concerned Ministries and Departments from where a Government servant retires are responsible for ensuring such payments without delay. Some of the important steps taken by the Go-